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SUBJECT: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

1. ON INSTRUCTION FROM THE NEWLY-ARRIVED JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, THE JAPANESE MILITARY ATTACHE HERE CALLED ON OUR ACTION DEFENSE ATTACHE TO SAY THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WAS ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS CURRENT INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ON NVA/VC PRESENCE AND ACTIVITY IN CAMBODIA, TO INCLUDE USE OF RE-SUPPLY CORRIDORS. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS ARE ALSO DESIRED, IF AVAILABLE.

2. JAPANESE MILITARY ATTACHE INFORMED US THAT GOJ WAS ON VERGE OF AGREEING TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC AID TO NORTH VIET-NAM BUT CHANGED ITS MIND AS A RESULT OF RECENT INCREASED NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. GOJ NOW WISHED TO INFORM DRV REPRESENTATIVE CURRENTLY IN JAPAN OF INCLINATION TOWARD PROVIDING AID BUT WITH PROVISIO THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG RESPECT CEASE-FIRE, END ALL HOSTILITIES, WITHDRAW ALL FORCES FROM CAMBODIA AND DISCONTINUE USE OF SUPPLY ROUTES THROUGH CAMBODIAN TERRITORY.

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3. OR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT GOJ DESIRES REQUESTED INTELLIGENCE TO CONFIRM CONTINUED NVA/VC USE OF CAMBODIAN TERRITORY FOR RE-SUPPLY ROUTES AND BASE AREAS AND PERHAPS ALSO IN MILITARY SUPPORT

OF KHMER COMMUNIST FORCES (THOUGH JAPANESE ATTACHE DID NOT MENTION THE LATTER ASPECT). JAPANESE ATTACHE INDICATED THAT THE ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO GOJ AT PRESENT IS THAT PROVIDED BY PUBLIC NEWS MEDIA.

4. WE HAVE FORWARDED REQUEST FOR DESIRED INFORMATION TO USSAG/7AF NKP THAILAND WITH INFO TO DIA.

5. PLEASE INSTRUCT WHETHER WE MAY PROVIDE THIS INTELLIGENCE TO THE JAPANESE.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SECDEF, CJCS AND DIA.

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